

SENATE BILL 638

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,  
relative to children 18 years of age and older who  
are aging out of custody of the department of  
children's services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following new section thereto:

The department of children's services shall review the status of any person who  
has reached the age of eighteen (18) who is in the legal custody of the department and  
whose last commitment is based on an adjudication of dependent and neglected, unruly,  
delinquent, or in need of services under § 37-1-175 to determine if the person wishes to  
remain in the care of the department in order to complete high school or other  
educational training or for the purpose of receiving other services. If the person chooses  
to remain in the care of the department, the department shall continue to provide  
services to such person until the person reaches the age of twenty-one (21) or until the  
person no longer wishes to receive such services, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-106, is amended by deleting  
subdivisions (a)(20) and (a)(21) in their entirety.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.